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A MOUNTAIN ASSASSIN.

Daniel P. Wootton Files on the San Lorenzo Springs.

Meets Death Within a Few Feet of His Cabin.

THE DEATH-TELLING PAPERS.

Last night, about 6 o'clock, the start news was brought to the city by F. Pratt that Daniel P. Wootton, who had been on the San Lorenzo springs, was found dead within twenty feet of his cabin door.

HOW THE BODY WAS FOUND.

Saturday evening, Mr. Pratt and his family arrived at Camp Whitehorn, in the vicinity of the assassination, to remain during this week. Yesterday morning, Mr. Pratt's young son, who had strayed from the stable, and the gentleman sent a Mexican employe out to find the spot where the mountains for several hours without success. The Mexican returned to the camp, when Mr. Pratt suggested that after dinner he would hunt a horse to the buggy and he and Mr. Pratt would go over to Wootton's cabin to see if the colt was there. On their way to the latter's horse, tied to the trunk of a tree about fifty yards from the cabin, commenced riding, but they continued on toward the cabin and were startled to find Wootton lying prone on his stomach at the wood pile, and about twenty feet from the cabin. Mr. Pratt and his family got out of the buggy, and on going to the body discovered that the body of the right side of the jaw and arm, also a portion of that side of the face, was blown away.

NEWS BROUGHT TO THE CITY.

The gentleman then entered the unfortunate man's cabin, which they found in good repair, and the bed not disturbed. A night's sleep, and getting his overcoat placed it over the face of the murdered man, leaving the body on the ground as was found. They then returned to the camp, and Mr. Pratt, with his family, were rapidly into the city, bringing the sad tidings of the assassination.

AFTER THE BODY.

When the news was reported to Acting Marshal Van Leuven he notified Justice of the Peace Denham and Frank Gibbs, the embalmer at Strong's undertaking place. They left about 7:30 o'clock last night for the springs, and found the body related above, bringing it here this morning, with the man's rifle, which they had undisturbed in the house, a rope and some carpenter's tools, leaving at his cabin a lot of camping goods. It is their opinion, and it seems to be the correct one, that on Saturday night Wootton went out to get an armful of wood—the kind of which lies between several thick brush and stunted pine or oaks. Behind one of which the assassin was in hiding. It was there he met his death, guarded shot in ambush, in cold blood, a sneaking assassin, who no doubt had a short gun held at left angle, the large tearing away the right side of the face.

HIS FILING PAPERS.

When the body was deposited at the undertaking rooms of O. W. Strong, his things were searched and among his papers were found his soldier's home-land entry, properly issued by the San Fe land office, and a receipt for money on William M. Berger, receiver of public money. There was nothing on file in the Fe to indicate that such a grant had been made, and it is known that a number of the citizens of the Tijeras neighborhood, not believing in the existence of a grant, have patented the land upon which they reside. Then again, would the land office have allowed Wootton to upon the four quarter sections had they known anything to the contrary? Among his papers are three duplicate copies of "notice" reading as follows, which had previously been mailed to the land owners:

"You are hereby notified that I have sold a soldier's homestead entry, No. 10, of the fourth lot, northwest quarter, southwest quarter, northeast quarter of section 15, township 20 north, range 5 east, upon which land are certain improvements claimed by you, and I desire you to remove the same on or off said land within sixty days from the date hereof; or should you wish to dispose of said improvements for a fair price I will buy them from you."

"D. P. Wootton."

WARNED BY A POLICEMAN.

Last Friday Wootton was in the city to buy some household goods and hardware. He dined at Mrs. Quier's, on the Highlands, and at the table a conversation about the springs and his coming on was entered into. Police-eman Piffy was an interested listener, and when Wootton concluded, the policeman told him that he had one year's experience out in the Tijeras neighborhood during time rock and he was constant in a turmoil with the people; he would therefore advise him to leave the springs if he would be killed. Wootton only laughed at the idea, saying that he had perfect right to acquire the springs and surrounding quarter sections, and had intended to stay.

COURT DEATH.

When Wootton, some few weeks ago, filed a few friends that he intended filing a soldier's claim on four quarter sections of mountain land, taking in the San Lorenzo springs, he was told

that it would result disastrously to him and that he might be killed. He scouted the idea that any person would dare take his life as long as he had his Winchester with him or they knew that it was close by. When he drove out to the springs, two weeks ago last Thursday with a load of lumber with which to construct himself a cabin, he was taking a ride to his death, and he was told in no many words that those who reside near the springs and receive their water therefrom had on frequent occasions demonstrated their hatred for Americans, and it would be wise for him to reconsider his intention. He heeded not, and the fatal result, shot to death by an assassin, came only too soon.

NOTHING ON FILE.

On his visit to Santa Fe, about three weeks ago, he investigated the land office and could find no record of the filing of a grant on any of the mountain sections in the Tijeras neighborhood. He therefore filed on four quarter sections, including the springs, and on his return to the city set out immediately to settle at the springs, building himself a cabin on the frequent grounds below the frame cottage erected a few years ago by Mariano S. Otero and Perfecto Arango. He supposed that he had a perfect right to file there, when he could find no record at the land office that any one else had properly acquired possession of the springs and land. It seems, however, if he was advised to do so, his advisors should have investigated the matter more closely and not lured the man into his death.

THE OWNERS.

M. S. Otero and Perfecto Arango have been the recognized owners of the springs for the past four or five years. The springs are located on what is known as the Canon de Carnuel grant, and the gentlemen above mentioned purchased them from Henry Carpenter, who was authorized to sell by an agreement entered into by the original heirs. It is true that the grant, or even the purchase of the springs, is not on file in the Santa Fe land office, but it is a well-known fact that Messrs. Otero and Arango have put up several thousand dollars worth of improvements and the springs have been used as a favorite summer resort. While the gentlemen are naturally opposed to land-jumping, they do not countenance such violent measures as the taking of a life, preferring to settle such disputes through the proper channels of the courts.

LAWYER FIELD CONSULTED.

Last Thursday Perfecto Arango called on Neil B. Field, the lawyer, and informed him that some one had jumped his San Lorenzo springs, and he wanted him to get the man off. Mr. Field, being a time very busy, agreed to investigate the matter at the earliest moment. On last Saturday morning Messrs. Otero and Arango together called at the lawyer's office, but were told by Summers Burkhardt that Mr. Field would be busy all that day in the district court. Mr. Field is the lawyer for the gentlemen above mentioned.

HE IS KNOWN.

J. R. McCowan, C. J. Stetson and others, who came to this city from Pueblo and Denver, Col., knew Wootton years ago and speak in the very highest praise of the man as a good citizen and one who did no one any wrong. About ten years ago he was a deputy sheriff at Pueblo, and in Denver followed his trade of brick laying. He came here last winter, secured work from Ruby & Lemke, and was foreman of the brick laying force on the Strong building. His remains represent a man probably 55 years of age, with determined features. Last evening when the news gained circulation in the city, small crowds of men congregated at short intervals and the comments advanced over the killing were very bitter against certain parties. While land jumping (if such it can be called) was condemned, the manner in which Wootton met his fate brought forth severe denunciation.

RELATIVES NOTIFIED.

A brother, A. J. Wootton, residing at Winchester, Ind., and a son, C. H. Wootton, working for the Elnte steam laundry, Denver, have been notified of the cowardly assassination, and the latter is expected here on the first train tomorrow evening. The body which had been viewed by a large number of our citizens will rest at the undertaker's until their arrival.

THE WOUND EXAMINED.

This afternoon several physicians called at Mr. Strong's and gave the wound a critical examination. They found a rifle ball hole on the right side of the head under the chin. It was the first shot, evidently fired at a short distance, and the ball passed up through the head. It was a death wound. After the man fell, the assassin walked up to his victim, placed the weapon close to his face (powder marks indicate such), pulled the trigger, the charge literally tearing away the right side. There is a cut under the chin which shows that the head concluded his diabolical deed with a keen edged knife. A portion of the rifle ball had been extracted and is in the possession of Justice Denham.

Sheriff Pera should not allow such a crime to go unheeded, and THE CITIZEN knows that he will do his duty in the present case. Let the guilty be brought to justice. Favor no one, for it is the worst crime that has yet been committed in the county.

The executive committee of the national republican league will meet in New York, November 19th.

PATTERSON REPORTS.

He Addresses the Denver Chamber of Commerce.

A Meeting of Great Interest to the People of New Mexico.

THE PROPOSED NEW ROAD.

Denver News.

The chamber of commerce held a special meeting last evening to hear the report of Mr. T. M. Patterson, who attended the railroad conventions held at Albuquerque and El Paso, as a delegate from Denver. President Jeffery and Comptroller Little of the Rio Grande were attentive auditors. President Taylor called the meeting to order, and said that the territories south of Colorado, and particularly Texas, were very anxious to have shorter connections with Denver. That those cities had been well represented by Mr. T. M. Patterson, who would say something concerning the matter.

Mr. Patterson said that it had never been his occupation to seek to build railroads, and it was not now his duty to do so for a certain class of circumstances. He explained that he had been appointed delegate with a number of others, and when he arrived at the depot he fully expected to meet a number of Denver's railroad men, but he was disappointed. He continued, "at which point the railroad convention was to be held. There I met a gentleman from Denver who did good service. The first thing I noticed was the intense interest of the Albuquerque citizens. There is only a gap of seventy miles to be built in order to connect Albuquerque with Denver, or extending the Rio Grande to Santa Fe, will give Denver an air line connection with the most populous city of the southwest."

MUCH INTEREST DISPLAYED.

The very suggestion of a new railroad seemed to arouse the inhabitants of every hamlet to a great interest. When the greatest commercial city of New Mexico evinced so much interest, I could not but think that Denver would derive much benefit from the proposed line than Albuquerque. The speaker then proceeded to explain the route proposed at the El Paso convention. He pointed out the line on a map showing the Denver and Rio Grande running from Santa Fe to Española. The terminus is near the Taos valley country, but there is no town of consequence near there. The line proposed at Albuquerque was almost due south along the valley of the Rio Grande from Española to Albuquerque. Mr. Patterson said that the business men of Denver should be more anxious to have a connection made. But fifteen miles south of Albuquerque the Atlantic and Pacific starts south for California. The commercial men of Albuquerque are constructing a club house to cost \$75,000. It was a building city and the distributing center for a vast area of territory. It should need no appeal to make the business men of Denver understand that the extension of the Rio Grande would place them in connection with the most important point in the territory.

SHOULD BE ON HAND.

An executive committee was appointed at that meeting and an adjournment was taken to meet again in Albuquerque on November 20. All of the delegates were invited to attend the next meeting, and the speaker urged every gentleman named as a delegate to attend the meeting. Under and better information would be afforded then among the people than at present. "I have been told that Albuquerque would give a bonus of \$100,000, give a right of way and furnish tie and timbers to the company that would do the work," said Mr. Patterson, who was met with a vigorous round of applause. When it subsided he continued: "The city of Denver is regarded by the people of the Southwest as their own. They feel that what Denver has done is possible in a degree with other Western cities. As the matter stands now New Mexico is practically cut off from Denver. 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